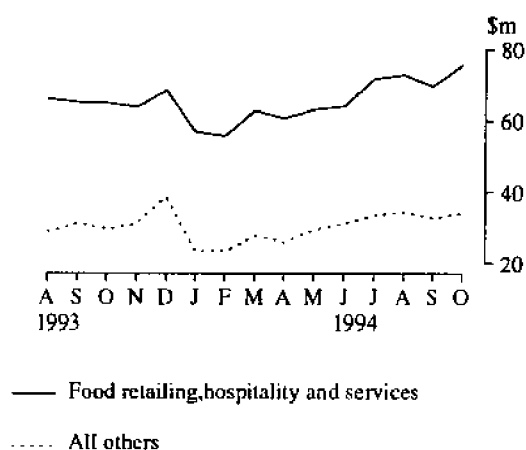


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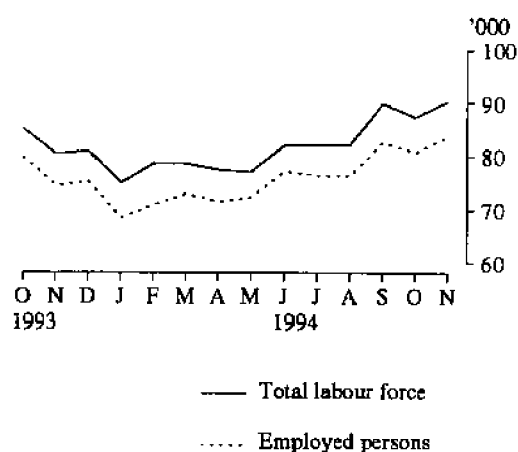
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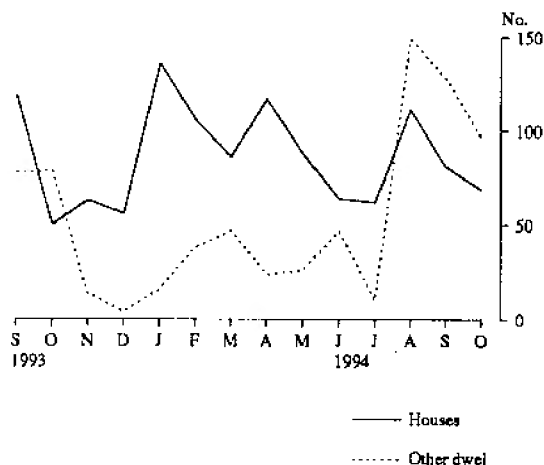
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NORTHERN TERRITORY RESIDENTIAL INDUSTRY, DECEMBER 1994								
Northern Territory						Australia		
Indicator	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	Change from	Change from	Latest figure	Change from	Change from
				previous period (%)	same period previous year (%)		previous period (%)	same period previous year (%)
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>								
Employed	'000	Nov-94	83.8	3.7	12.3	8,025.1	-0.1	3.3
Unemployed	'000	Nov-94	6.5	-1.5	12.1	764.2	1.4	-14.5
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Nov-94	7.2	-0.3	-	8.7	0.1	-1.6
Participation rate (a)	%	Nov-94	74.4	2.3	7.3	62.8	-	0.2
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>								
Males	\$	Sep qtr-94	656.4	-0.3	-1.5	631.8	1.1	2.2
Females	\$	Sep qtr-94	455.5	1.2	1.7	421.4	-0.3	2.9
Total persons	\$	Sep qtr-94	561.4	-0.1	-	536.2	0.8	3.0
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER</b>								
Food retailing & Hosp. / Services	\$m	Oct-94	75.6	8.3	16.1	5,297.8	3.9	8.9
All other stores	\$m	Oct-94	34.3	4.9	15.5	4,026.1	3.7	6.1
Total	\$m	Oct-94	109.9	7.2	15.9	9,323.9	3.8	7.7
<b>PRICES</b>								
Consumer Price Index								
Food (1989-90=100.0)		Sep qtr-94	112.8	-0.3	1.4	110.4	0.8	1.5
Housing (1989-90=100.0)		Sep qtr-94	105.3	0.8	1.1	94.9	0.5	-
Transport (1989-90=100.0)		Sep qtr-94	114.9	0.9	1.9	117.0	1.6	3.4
All groups (1989-90=100.0)		Sep qtr-94	113.0	0.5	2.2	111.9	0.6	1.9
<b>Average Retail Prices</b>								
Beer, draught, 285ml glass	cents	Sep qtr-94	203	-	3.6	..	..	..
Bread, white, 680g	cents	Sep qtr-94	170	1.2	1.2	..	..	..
Milk, carton, 1 litre	cents	Sep qtr-94	94	-	-	..	..	..
Petrol, leaded, 1 litre	cents	Sep qtr-94	74.8	1.5	0.8	..	..	..
Steak, rump, 1 kg	cents	Sep qtr-94	1,287	3.3	5.7	..	..	..
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES</b> no. of days lost								
<b>OCCURED</b>	per '000 employees	Year ended Aug-94	45	4.7	-	83	-6.7	-55.9
<b>BUILDING</b>								
<i>Approvals</i>								
New houses	no.	Oct-94	69	-14.8	38.0	10,791	-8.0	0.9
Other residential	no.	Oct-94	97	-24.2	22.8	4,250	-25.5	7.4
Total new residential building	\$m	Oct-94	20.5	-18.9	68.6	1,348.2	-15.3	11.4
Total non-residential building	\$m	Oct-94	7.6	93.3	4.7	885.8	57.2	38.3
Value of all building approved	\$m	Oct-94	29.0	-6.6	39.8	2,482.0	2.9	21.4
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Jun qtr 94	325	9.4	28.0	33,632	17.2	10.2
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Jun qtr 94	91.4	25.0	45.5	6,816.0	16.4	12.8
<b>HOUSING FINANCE</b>								
<i>Secured commitments to individuals</i>								
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Oct-94	3.4	-40.4	-19.0	598.3	-16.8	0.9
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Oct-94	1.5	15.4	50.0	202.5	-6.1	22.3
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Oct-94	17.5	-18.6	-12.1	2,493.8	-10.4	-11.0
<b>PRODUCTION</b>								
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu. m	Aug-94	15.0	50.0	15.4	1,509.0	4.9	17.4
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>								
Motor vehicles	no.	Oct-94	592	7.6	21.8	54,342	7.7	21.6
Motor cycles	no.	Oct-94	37	37.0	164.3	1,658	-1.1	25.3
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>								
Imports	\$m	Oct-94	28.1	75.8	47.8	6,292.9	4.6	11.6
Exports (c)	\$m	Oct-94	124.0	2.8	22.8	5,790.6	8.6	-0.3
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>								
<i>Hotel, Motels &amp; Guest Houses</i>								
Room occupancy rate (a)	%	Jun qtr 94	57.2	14.1	3.1	54.1	-1.8	3.3
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Jun qtr 94	33.8	8.6	1.8	32.6	-2.2	1.9
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Jun qtr 94	22.2	43.1	11.8	674.5	-4.2	10.2
<b>POPULATION</b>								
Estimated Resident Population	'000	Mar qtr 93	170.8	0.2	0.9	17,803.3	0.3	1.0

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